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From the Desk of the President



Project O.P.E.N.

By now all members of this society have received the fliers requesting you to join the Ohio Project Elderly Needy (O.P.E.N.) Programs on a voluntary basis.

This project was established by the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) in October of 1986. The purpose of this project is to reach out to elderly Ohioans who have withheld their medical needs because they cannot afford it. It is estimated that there are 17,000 Ohioans with Medicare coverage and 8,000 Ohioans without any medical insurance who fall into this catagory. To qualify for such service an individual has to be age 65 and above with an annual income below the poverty level which is for a single, \$5,360 and for a couple, \$7,240. The local office of Council on Aging, INC. has agreed to screen the eligible applicants and then refer to our society. The Society secretary will assign the qualified patient to our office on a rotating basis or based on their medical special needs. We need broad support and acceptance from our membership to make this a viable community service project.

Why is it important that organized medicine be needed to establish such a program at this time? We know that the physician always provides medical service with discount or free of charge to those individuals with limited financial resourses. Before the days of MedicareI know a number of doctors have given their free time in hospital clinics. Today, I have talked to a number of physicians who have continued their medical service to their established patients who lost their job along with their insurance coverage. We are not doing anything new and different, however, the public is not aware of this. We are all aware that the state of Massachusetts has tied Medicare participation with licensure and a number of other states have similar but modified legislations. We know it is a wrong piece of legislation and we are against



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Editorial:

UNITY IS THE KEY TO OUR FUTURE

"No man is an Iland, intire of it selfe; every man is a peece of the continent, a part of the maine; if a clod bee washed away by the sea, Europe is the lesse, as well as if a promontorie were, as well as if a mannor of thy friends or of their owne were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankinde; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

John Donne

1573-1631

What John Donne perceived in the 16th century is starkly true for our medical community today. Physicians now face unprecendented challenges including patient access to the physician of their choice, but also in reimbursement systems, PRO interference, legislative dictates and others.

Meeting those challenges, in my opinion is a burden on us, each one of us. When we work as a united front our guidance to our legislators becomes much more powerful; when we work in harmony we greatly improve our image in the eyes of the public and the government.

A case in point: recent efforts by Medicare to include RAP (radiologists, anesthesiologists, and pathologists) under DRG system would have succeeded without strong and vocal opposition from each speciality group, and, most importantly from the AMA. We cannot afford to let anyone fragment us for whatever noble reason. We cannot or should not stand idly by while our colleagues are assailed. Issues vital to one medical segment may not impress colleagues and be even of lesser regard in the eyes of the public and the legislators.

How can we be better united? Organized medicine needs more participation. If you know anyone who has not joined a medical society, who recently dropped out,

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it. In Ohio, Bill 150 has been introduced. We need to show our legislators that such legislation is not only wrong in principle but is really not needed because our elderly citizens have been taken care of either privately or through an open program such as Project O.P.E.N.

We pay county, state and AMA dues but politically, we are continuously losing ground. This is an opportunity to show your support to the state organization who is representing us. Our neighbors, Trumbull and Stark Counties, have such a program in place. For those of you who have already signed up, I thank you for your prompt reply. For those of you who have not signed up, please return the sign-up sheets. If you have lost the sign-up sheet have your office assistant call the Society at 747-4956. Should you have any questions please call me at 746-7691 or Mr. Blake.

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who just opened a practice; urge them to join. Lobbying efforts of AMA or OSMA on the national or state level effect every physician. It is unfair for anyone to receive the benefit and let fellow physicians to pay their dues. If you are gun-shy of approaching a physician, please let the society's executive know and we will try to reach out. But in general, it is more effective for you to approach a physician who you know well and with whom have a working relationship.

An organization can only be as good as its active membership. Since we have pre-paid meals, make every attempt to come to the society meetings where you will be better informed of activities of organized medicine; pending bills will effect you and also the medical society needs feedback from you to better itself. Many times, it is the only place you can meet your fellow physicians of the different hospital staffs. One of the important functions of this medical society is to be a bridge between the two hospital staffs. If you have an issue you would like to discuss, try to come to the council meeting, the date and place of this meeting is usually published in the bulletin. Or talk to me or council members if you cannot come to the council meeting.

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Proceedings of Council - Dec. 8, 1987

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1987 at Antone's Restaurant in McKay Court.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. to facilitate completion of the agenda in timely fashion. A motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November meeting, the minutes having been distributed to all members.

The treasurer's report listed four members who have not paid their dues for 1987. It was noted a certified letter will be sent to the four members notifying that they will be dropped from the rolls of the Society if the dues are not paid by December 31. A motion was made, seconded and passed that dues delinquent members as of July 1 of each year will be dropped from membership following 10 days prior notice of the pending action.

The following applications for membership were presented:

ACTIVE: Stephen P. Dubos, D.O.

ASSOCATE: Bennie W. Allison; M.D.; Randal J. Hartwig, D.O.; Stephen L. Salcedo, M.D.; Robert J. Piroli, M.D.; Richard L. Osman, D.O.; Homer L. Skinner, D.O. Amr Hamid El-Mahdy, M.D.; Frances G. Couch, M.D.

The applications were approved and the applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society in the voted category 15 days after the names are printed in the minutes of the December meeting that are mailed to all members, unless an objection is received in writing by the executive director of the Society before that effective date.

Communications included: A thank you from Mrs. Wasilko for the Society's contribution to the Foundation in the memory of Dr. Wasilko; an OSMA request for an endorsement of Dr. Clarke and the Society's positive response to the request; a report from OSMA concerning a "glich" in the Medicare Necessity issue; the offer of a booktitled "Aids: A Guide for Survival" was offered to the Society at 25¢ per copy and a committee will be formed to study the possibility of getting the book into the local schools.

Project OPEN has received approval of the board of the Agency on Aging for the agency to act as the qualifer for recipients of the services of the project. A letter will be sent to Society physicians asking them to volunteer for the project.

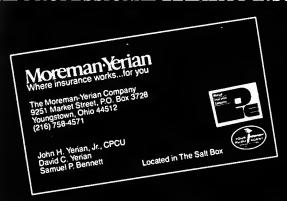
The political liason committee reported the need to keep the lines of communication open with the politician. It was noted that State Sen. Meshel has come out in support of Gov. Dukkakis of Massachusetts for president. The Massachusetts governor was instrumental in the state law that mandates physicians accepting Medicare assignment as a condition of licensing. The marketing committee and the mini-internship committee both reported their next meeting will be in January.

Council discussed St. Elizabeth's response to a Society letter concerning the inequity of required liability insurance coverage between St. E's and WRCS. Apparently, the only way a courtesy staff member at St.E's can retain his courtesy privilege is to obtain insurance coverage that meets St.E's requirements, even

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Dr. Raymond S. Lupse has been named president of the Ohio Divison of the American Cancer Society for 1987-1988. He has served as chairman of the division task force on uterine cancer, chairman of the service and rehabilitation committee and member of committees on public education, professional and medical and scientific affairs.

During his term of office as president, Dr. Lupse will be emphasizing that there is only one American Cancer Society and that of all contributions received, 28.4% goes to research and only 9.1% is used

for management and general operation of the Society.

Dr. Lupse is retired from the private practice of obstetrics, gynecology and gynecological surgery. He received his medical degree from Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He is former chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Western Reserve Care System and a past chairman of the Tumor Conference committee.

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though the physician has sufficient coverage for WRCS requirements.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the final budget amounts for the coming year of 1988.

The Council approved the presentation of plaques to Dr. Frederick Friedrich and Dr. Jack Schreiber for long-time service on the Canfield Fair Committee.

The resignation of the executive director was accepted and search committee appointed to find a replacement for Mr. Blake. The committee is comprised of Drs. Memo, Barton, Wang, Dietz and Gregori.

It was announced the Annual Meeting of the Society is next Tuesday, Dec. 15th at the Moonraker and will include election of officers and a speaker who will talk about Alternate Delivery System Contracts. The social period is being provided by Ciba/Geigy Pharmaceuticals, compliments of John Daubenspeck, Ciba/Geigy representative.

There being nothing further to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Robert B. Blake, Executive Director

____In Memoriam =

JAMES L. FISHER, M.D. 1895-1987

Dr. James L. Fisher, 92, died December 24, 1987 in Southside Medical Center of pneumonia. He was a longtime general practicioner..

Dr. Fisher was editor emeritus of The Bulletin, the Society's monthly publication which he founded in 1931. Until very recently, he was a regular contributor to the magazine, recalling past history of his medical practice. He was editor for 45 years.

He was born in Carnegie, Pennsylvania and graduated from school there. His medical degree was from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. He graduated in 1918. He served a one-year internship at Youngstown Hospital Association and was a staff physician there.

He entered general practice in 1919 and was in practice until 1979 for a total of 60 years.

Dr. Fisher was a past president of the Mahoning County Medical Society and a member of the Ohio State Medical Association, American Medical Association, American and Ohio Academy of Family Practice, Youngstown Club and Youngstown Country Club. He served as a director of the Ohio Academy of Family Practice.

Dr. Fisher helped organize the Mahoning Academy of General Practice and was its first president. In 1968 he was honored for 50 years in medicine by the Ohio State Medical Association.



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From the Exec's Desk

ROBERT B. BLAKE, Executive Director

Physicians have the Hippocratic Oath that is supposed to guide their conduct in the practice of medicine. Outside of the medical profession, very few people know what the oath actually says and it has been subject much misinterpretation. It is a guide or, if you will, a standard by which physicians can judge themselves and, to some extent, their colleagues. Everyone should have some standard, some guide of conduct by which to guide themselves as they live among their fellow humans. Most people get their guide or standard from their parents or other family members, be the standard good or evil. Others find guidance in other ways.

As a very young orphan, I bounced around considerably and never acquired a role model. At age 14, I read something that hit me like a ton of bricks and I decided that it would be my Orphans Credo. You may have seen it under another heading but here it is, my standard or life guide:

"Go placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly: listen to others, even the dull and ignorant, they too have their story. Avoid loud and agressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself to others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possesion in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world if full of trickery. But let not this blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings, Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars, you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy."

It has served me well for a lot of years. You may use it, if you wish!

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SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING

Nine members of the Mahoning County Medical Society received special recognition as part of the Society's annual meeting held Tuesday, Dec. 15 at the Moonraker Restaurant.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the "Doctor of the Year" award to Dr. Andrew A. Detesco, long time member and former president of the Society. The award was presented to Dr. Andrew by his son, Dr. Thomas Detesco who spoke of his father's many accomplishments and achievements in medicine, in the Society and in the community at large. Sharing the event with Dr. Detesco were his other children, grandchildren, two of his aunts, and two of the honorees sisters and their husbands.

Special awards from the Ohio State Medical Association recognizing their 50 years in medicine were presented by Sixth District Councilor J. J. Anderson to Drs. Raymond Lupse, Frances Miller, John McDonough.. Drs. Oscar Turner, Edwin Brody and Charles Wagner were unable to attend but were lauded for their longevity..

Awards were presented by Dr. Barton, president of the Society, to Dr. Jack Schreiber and Dr. Frederick Friedrich for their long and dedicated involvement with the Canfield Fair and the Society's Fair Committee.

As part of the evening's program, eight members were voted into Emeritus Membership. They were: Drs. R. A. Brown, P. B. Cestone, H. Holden, I. Maeda, E. Sabado, L. K. Reed B. Taylor and J. W. Tandatnick.

Election of officers was held as part of the annual meeting and the following were elected: Hai Shiuh Wang, president; Karl F. Wieneke, vice president; Lloyd E. Slusher, 1992 delegate; Kimbroe J. Carter, secretary; Brian S. Gordon, alternate delegate; Richard A. Memo, alternate delegate; Milton J. Lenhart, Murali Guthikonda, Athanosios Kasamias, Salim El-Hayek and John G. Guju, council members at large.

Elected as Foundation trustees were Steven M. Kalavsky and John G. Guju, for three year terms.

Speaker for the meeting was Attorney Richard S. Cooper of McDonald, Hopkins & Hardy of Cleveland. Mr. Cooper spoke on "Alternate Delivery Systems Contracts" and gave the members a good overview of what to look for and what to ask for in a contract with an alternative delivery system association as part of a medical practice.

SOCIETY SEEKING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our executive director, Robert Blake, has resigned from his position with the Society. The Search Committee is looking for a replacement. If any of the Society's physicians know of anyone who would be interested in the position, please contact Dr. H.S. Wang.



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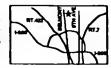
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SPOUSES' CORNER

We've blown the horns and rung the bells. 1988 is officially here. In keeping with so many of the articles we read in early January, I would like to devote this column to resolutions. These resolutions are attainable. They are not too lofty and they are ones which may help to strengthen the position of organized medicine in the coming years.

The Mahoning County Medical Society and Auxiliary are jointly sponsoring the President's Ball on Saturday, January 23, 1988 at the Youngstown Country Club. Camilla Geordan is the Chairman for this event and is planning a festive and elegant evening. This ball is the first that has been held in many years. While on the surface it appears to be just a fun, frivolous affair, it really is symbolic of many things. It represents a joint activity on the part of the Medical Society and the Auxiliary, it reflects an event of the past when Medical Societies were stronger and physicians were held in higher regard in their communities. It places more honor and esteem on that physician who serves as the leader that year.

Please join us on January 23rd. Physicians and Auxilians need to form bonds in order to have the unity that will be necessary to survive the future. The ball is the start of an exciting new year. Make a resolution to join us.

The Ball marks the beginning of a very interesting year all right, 1988 is a Presidential Election Year. There will be an exchange of many seats and we should all resolve to devote some of our energies to filling those seats with competent leaders who will, at least, listen to medicine's point of view.

The very least we can all do in order to suport the interests of organized medicine is to remain members of our medical societites and auxiliaries. At least your monetary support finances legislation programs on the state and national level. Additionally, we can contribute to candidates who will listen to organized medicine's point of view when we contribute to OMPAC and AMPAC. A very low percentage of doctors support OMPAC and AMPAC. On the other hand, Podiatrists and Chiropractors make very sizeable contributions to PACs. They have enjoyed legislation success in recent years.

Those of you who have the time and energy can become even more involved. You could donate time as well as money to the candidate of your choice. Barbara Marshall, an Auxilian from Dayton and also the Legislation Chairman for the Ohio State Medical Association Auxiliary, worked very hard and was most successful in helping to elect a local judge in her community. We need competent leaders. When we are actively involved in electing those leaders, believe me, they will listen to our viewpoint.

Lastly, we have many talented physicians and spouses in Mahoning County, our medical community and the community at-large will be richer if more would run for office. This community needs the leadership.

Nineteen Eighty-Eight is, indeed, an important year. Resolve to get involved. Individually and collectively, we can make a difference in our lives. Be an informed voter, contribute to those you believe in, work for those you believe in. Better yet, those of you who have the talent, run for office. Resolve to make the medical climate a little warmer in 1988.

From the Bulletin

FIFTY YEARS AGO - JANUARY 1938

The late Claude Norris was President that year. He was Youngstown's first dermatologist, a man of keen mind and charming personality. He came from Oklahoma and was part Cherokee in ancestry. When he got to talking, it was impossible to stop him. His President's Page that month ran three pages.

Bill Skipp was President-Elect: Robert Poling was Secretary and Elmer Nagel Treasurer. James Brown was the Editor and Morris Rosenblum the Business Manager of the Bulletin. Jim Brown said he would welcome criticism if it were constructive.

New Members were William E. Maine, Samuel R. Zoss and Stanley A. Myers.

FORTY YEARS AGO – JANUARY 1948

John Noll was President, J.N. McCann the President-Elect, V.L. Goodwin, Secretary and J.K. Herald, Treasurer. C.A. Gustafson was Editor of the Bulletin and Mary Herald the Executive Secretary.

The Medical Crier's Column predicted that in ten years there would be no new general practitioners. Dr. Eugene Elder was advocating a three-month period of service in the Receiving hospital for interns. Ivan Smith was elected Commander of the Walter F. Bartz Post of the American Legion.

Sidney Franklin became a member of the Society.

THIRTY YEARS AGO – JANUARY 1958

Andrew Detesco was President and M.W. Neidus President-Elect. A.K. Phillips was Secretary. Morris Rosenblum edited the Bulletin.

The Asian type of influenza was rampant and doctors were busy. David Belinky, F. Bierkamp and Robert Tornello were victims. There was a serious shortage of hospital beds.

New members were Robert Warnock, J. Werbner, Roy Thomas, Jr., James Medley, James A. Quinn, Michael Szauter, Frederick Sassler, Maria Colucci, Jordan Dentscheff, Vitalif Holonko and Leo Ariel.

Andrew Miglets was President of the Academy of General Practice. Paul Krupko was President-Elect and Clyde Walter was Secretary.

TWENTY YEARS AGO - JANUARY 1968

R.R. Fisher was President: J.W. Tandatnick was President-Elect. Henry Holden was Secretary and M.C. Raupple was Treasurer. U.H. Boening was President of the Academy of General Practice: J.J. Anderson was Editor of the Bulletin.

New members were Fernando Carbonell, Robert Gilliland, Betty Jane Klahr, Joseph Kopinski and Charles H. McGowen.

TEN YEARS AGO – JANUARY 1978

The new President was Dr. George Dietz who was far from optimistic. In his first message of the new year, he wrote, "Unfortunately I must continue to greet the

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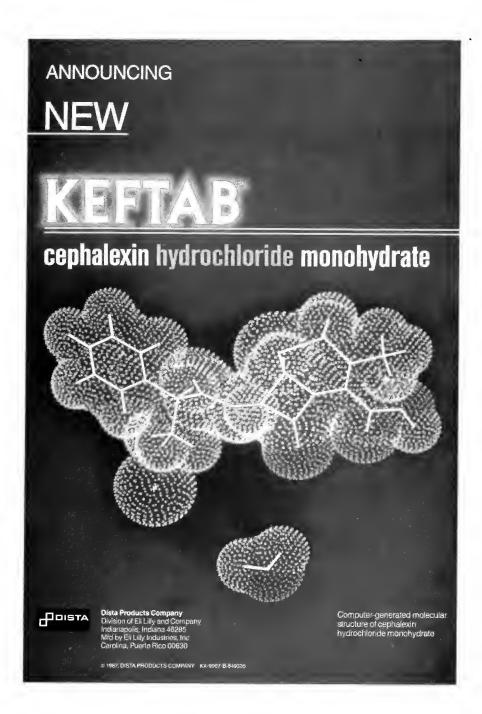


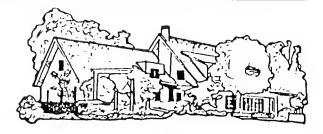
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new year with abject pessimism". Y.T. Chiu was Vice President, J.W. Tandatnik was Secretary and J.A. Lambert was Treasurer. The new Editor of the Bulletin was Dean Limbert who reminded us all of our Hippocratic Oath. The installation banquet was held January 17 at the Youngstown Club, with entertainment by "Sis" Soller.

Dr. Stanley Curtis passed a way at the age of 87. He was a Harvard graduate and a specialist in Diabetes.

Dr. George Szaboky died at the age of 49, a victim of carcinoma of the prostate. George was an orthopedic surgeon, formerly associate with Dr. S.G. Patton, Jr.

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